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SUBJ: INSURGENCY IN BALUCHISTAN

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1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND REF MESSAGE TO ADDRESSEES AS UNUSUALLY GOOD DESCRIPTION OF PAK ARMY AND GOP POSITION ON CURRENT SITUATION IN BALUCHISTAN, CONVEYED BY SENIOR ARMY OFFICER. BASIC POINTS MADE BY SOURCE WERE (A) THAT GOP IS FACING AN UPRISING BY REACTIONARY TRIBAL LEADERS SEEKING TO MAINTAIN THEIR FEUDAL HOLD OVER TRIBESMEN IN FACE OF GOVERNMENT'S MODERNIZING EFFORTS, AND (B) THAT SOVIET UNION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIA IS ACTIVELY ATTEMPTING EXPLOIT SITUATION IN ORDER TO DESTROY PAKISTAN, DISRUPT CENTO, GAIN WARM-WATER PORT FOR SOVIETS ON ARABIAN SEA, ETC., AND THAT THESE POWERS ARE USING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

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AS THEIR AGENTS IN THESE EFFORTS.

2. THIS, OF COURSE, REPRESENTS GOP VIEW OF SITUATION (OR WHAT GOP WOULD LIKE US TO UNDERSTAND AS ITS VIEW) RATHER THAN IMPARTIAL PICTURE OF ACTUAL SITUATION ITSELF. LITTLE QUESTION THAT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FORCES DO TO SOME EXTENT REPRESENT MODERNIZING ELEMENT IN TRIBAL BALUCHISTAN. ON OTHER HAND, GOP CLAIM THAT IT IS FIGHTING TO MODERNIZE AND TRANSFORM REPRESSIVE FEUDAL SYSTEM IS CONSIDERABLE DISTORTION OF BHUTTO ADMINISTRATION'S SOMEWHAT MACHIAVELLIAN ACTIVITIES IN PROVINCE, WHICH HAVE INCLUDED PLAYING OFF TRIBAL ELEMENTS AGAINST EACH OTHER BY SUCH MEANS AS NAMING HEAD OF LARGEST TRIBE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR-HARDLY A BLOW AGAINST FEUDALISM.

3. SAME CAVEAT APPLIES TO CHARGES OF SOVIET AND INDIAN COMPLICITY. THESE CHARGES HAVE BEEN STANDARD FARE AMONG PAKISTANIS FOR PAST YEAR OR SO. CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT ASSERTIONS OF SOVIET/INDIAN COMPLICITY HAS BEEN NOTABLY ABSENT, HOWEVER, AS HAD EVIDENCE THAT SOVIETS AND INDIANS EVEN SEE IT IN THEIR PRESENT INTERESTS TO ENCOURAGE DISSENTION IN BALUCHISTAN. THIS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS FLAT REFUTATION OF PAK CHARGES, SIMPLY THAT THEY REMAIN UNPROVED.
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